

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

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1-14. (Canceled)

15. (New): A three layered coated powder composition, comprising:

a cured coated core, comprising:

a core substance comprising a powder for use in cosmetics;

a hydroxy apatite layer provided on the surface of said core substance to produce a coated core, said coated core being <sup>with heat-treating</sup> ~~cured~~ to produce a ~~cured~~ coated core; and

a zinc oxide layer fixed to said hydroxy apatite layer of said cured coated core, to produce said three layered coated powder cosmetic composition.

16. (New): <sup>A cosmetic composition comprising</sup> The three layered coated powder composition of claim 15, ~~comprising a~~ cosmetic.

17. (New): The three layered coated powder composition of claim 15, <sup>wherein</sup> said three layered coated powder composition adsorbs sebum.

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18. (New): The three layered coated powder composition of claim 15, said core substance comprising:

an inorganic powder and optionally an organic powder; and  
one or more members selected from the group consisting of a clay mineral, a synthetic clay mineral, a metal hydroxide, and a metal oxide.

19. (New): The three layered coated powder composition of claim 15, said zinc oxide comprising a low crystalline zinc oxide and/or an amorphous zinc oxide.

20. (New): The three layered coated powder composition of claim 15, said zinc oxide having a crystalline size of 1000Å in length, as obtained from Scherrer's equation.

21. (New): The three layered coated powder composition of claim 15, said core substance <sup>where</sup> comprises a scale, a plate, a lamella, or a bar shape.

22. (New): The three layered coated powder composition of claim 15, said core substance having a mean particle size of 0.1 to 600 μm and said zinc oxide having a mean particle size of 0.01 to 1 μm.

23. (New): The three layered coated powder composition of claim 15, said hydroxyapatite is present in an amount of from 2 to 50 wt%, and said zinc oxide is present in an amount of from 2

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to 8 wt%, based on total weight of said three layered coated powder composition.

24. (New): A cosmetic composition comprising the three layered coated powder composition as defined in any one of claims 16 or 17.

25. (New): A sebum-adsorbent composition comprising the three layered coated powder composition as defined in claim 17.

26. (New): A body deodorant composition comprising the three layered coated powder composition as defined in any one of claims 15 to 17.

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